

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

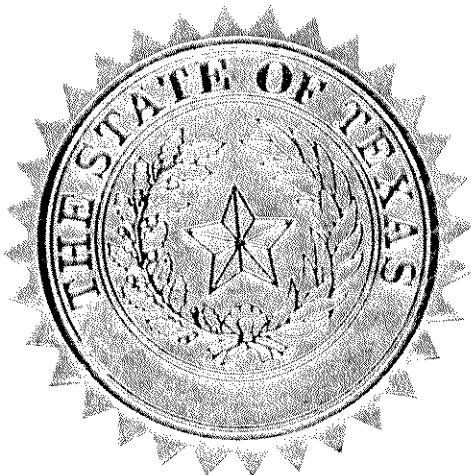
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Concurrent resolution No. 187 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Concurrent resolution No. 187 expresses commitment to state retirees and support for the Employees Retirement System (ERS) Board of Trustees to provide a supplemental check (13th check) to retirees. I join the legislature in expressing my sincere respect and commitment to retirees and employees of the State of Texas. However, HCR 187 clearly contains major inaccuracies.

House Concurrent resolution No. 187 states that the 76th Texas Legislature provided for a 13th check for retired state employees and that retirees are still waiting to receive the promised benefit. This is simply untrue. ERS retirees received a 13th check in 2001 as well as a cost of living increase in January of 2002. The state spent approximately \$1 billion on the cost of living increase, bringing all retirees up to the same buying level as the date they retired. The resolution suggests that the ERS trust fund is actuarially sound (funded in 31 years or less) and that ERS has received sufficient appropriations for the fund to remain sound – both of which are contrary to the actual status of the ERS. Therefore, it is not possible for ERS to issue a 13th check to retirees.

Because of the inaccuracies in House Concurrent resolution No. 187, I disapprove of this concurrent resolution because it misleads retired state employees to believe they will get a 13th check in 2007.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Roger Williams*  
ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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